

WORLD

## Aide resigns to save cabinet

JUNE 7 (R) -- Turkish Social Welfare Minister Hilmi today after corruption allegations, apparently to forestall a vote of no confidence in the Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit. Mr. Isguvar, one of seven deputies in the mainly Republican People's government of Mr. Ecevit, totally denied the allegations. Right-wing opposition party members had moved in the lower house of parliament, accusing of paying excessively high price for property on ministry, because the sellers were friends of his. If the opposition had hoped to develop the censure vote of no confidence in Mr. Ecevit's 18-month-old elections, not due until 1981, would have to be held a vote were passed within 18 months of the government -- by the end of this month.

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## Egyptian pilots in U.S. for training

WASHINGTON, June 7 (API) -- Sixteen Egyptian military pilots have arrived in the United States for English language training in preparation for the expected sale of F-4 Phantom jet fighter planes to Egypt. Pentagon Spokesman Thomas B. Ross today confirmed the arrival of the Egyptian pilots on June 1, but said the question of providing F-4s to Egypt has not yet been resolved. However, other sources said the Pentagon has notified Congress informally of a proposal to sell 34 F-4s to Egypt. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has expressed confidence that F-4s bearing Egyptian insignia will fly in an October celebration of the anniversary of the 1973 Middle East war. The 16 Egyptian pilots will receive seven weeks of language training at Laelair Air Force Base, Texas. Mr. Ross said, if a final decision is made to provide Egypt with F-4s, Mr. Ross said, the pilots will go on to learn to fly F-4s at George Air Force Base, Calif., next August. Other Egyptians would be trained later at George Air Force Base as instructors and maintenance technicians, Mr. Ross said.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

## dicted to give Sadat massive majority ence, forgery reported gypt's general election

JUNE 7 (Agencies) -- Two people and five injured in ten supporters of rival today's general election which is expected to see war Sadat's ruling party

Independent stations that all was calm in Cairo and in the countryside. But the leftist Unionist Progressive Party (UPP) issued a statement in Alexandria complaining of irregularities in the election, the first on a multi-party basis in 27 years.

UPP returned with a massive majority, police sources said. There were also allegations of irregularities in the election, the first on a multi-party basis in 27 years.



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*(Week of June 8 - 14)*

## EXHIBITIONS

A exhibition on the efficient use of water and  
is on display at the French Cultural Centre.  
exhibit is open during regular hours.

Ministry of Culture and Youth, an exhibition  
named Al Sayed is on display until June 11  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## THEATRE

Amman Players are performing a comedy by  
and Jan Hay entitled "The White Sheep of the  
Theatre. The play will be shown on Friday  
at 8:30 p.m. each night. Tickets at JD 1.50 each.

## PUPPET SHOWS

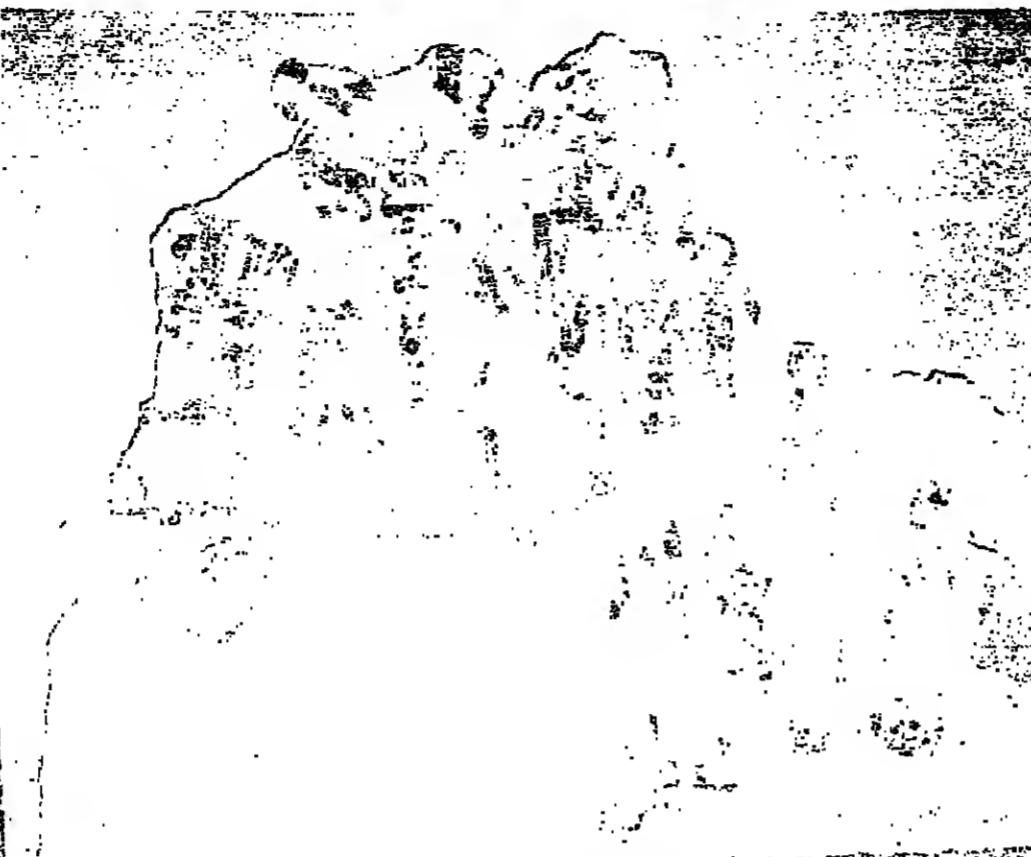
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## LECTURE

13: The Friends of Archaeology present a  
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# 5,000-year-old restored fresco goes on display in Citadel Museum



The 5,000-year-old restored fresco from Tel el Ghassul now on display  
at the Amman Citadel Museum.

By Norihi Barger  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 7--If one were to write a history of art in Jordan, one would have to begin in 3250 B.C. That is the date of a fresco, the world's second oldest known painting, that was excavated from Tel el Ghassul in 1977 and that went on public exhibit at the

Amman Citadel Museum a week ago.

Dr. Adnau Hadidi, director of the Department of Antiquities, told the Jordan Times that the mural probably represents a religious procession. It was found on a wall, believed to be part of a temple, at Tel el Ghassul, an archaeological site that covers over thirty hectares, five

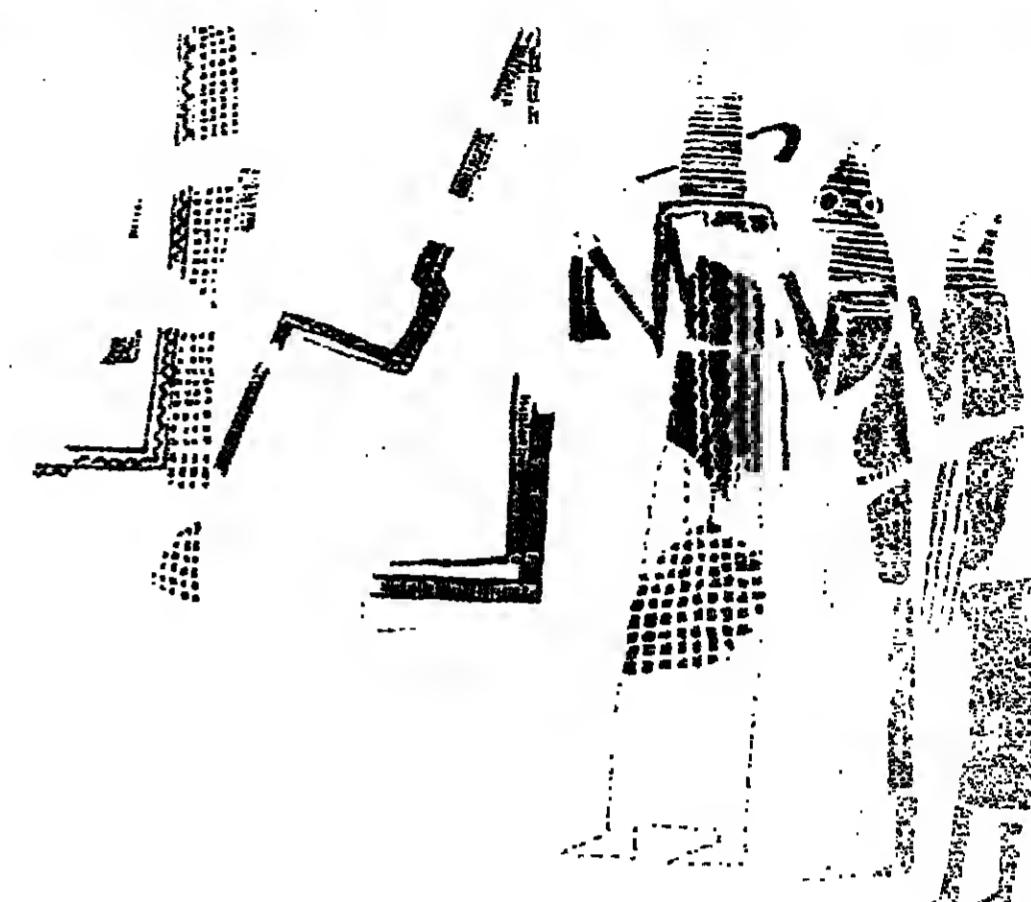
kilometres northeast of the Dead Sea.

The fresco was executed by priming the mud brick wall with a preparation composed of crushed sea shells and tempered with straw, which, according to the carbon-14 technique, dates back to 3250 B.C. The drawing was then incised into the surface and filled in with mineral pigments native to the area. The mural's colours, red, yellow, black and white, are still quite brilliant.

Three human figures, perhaps priests, are depicted in the painting. Two masked figures stand to the right of a larger, hooded one. They appear to be approaching an altar or similar cultic structure on the left. According to Dr. Hadidi, priests are commonly represented as masked figures by the Babylonians and other early cultures.

Tel el Ghassul dates back to the early Mesolithic period, around 7000-6000 B.C. when it appears to have been used as a nomadic camp. The site declined during the neolithic period but flowered during the following chalcolithic (Copper-Stone) Age, around 4000-3100 B.C. At that time, Dr. Hadidi said, it was a commercial centre.

The settlement, which he



The interpretive drawing of the fresco.

served as the cultic centre for an

even larger area.

Dr. Hadidi compared the Gassulian culture with the contemporaneous Sumerian culture at Ur that politically, socially and architecturally was more advanced. "And yet they had no paintings. In fact we don't know of any others before the Egyptian pyramid paintings around 2900 B.C. Perhaps because they were agrarian-oriented, the inhabitants of Ur were less receptive to art and the depiction of human figures than the worldly merchants of Tel el Ghassul."

He believes it is not far-fetched to imagine that the Gassulians put similar frescoes on trading trips to Catal Huyuk, a neolithic commercial centre in Turkey and the site of the earliest known painting, and learned the necessary techniques there.

The Asia Minor mural, discovered during the 1960s, also shows a religious procession and was executed around 3600 B.C., 350 years earlier than the Gassulian one. It marks one end of a large lacuna in the history of art.

"We don't know of any earlier figure depictions in the world apart from the drawings -- which are not technically classified as paintings of "hunting scenes" on cave walls in Altamira, Spain and Lascaux, France. They date to the early paleolithic, around 20,000 B.C." Dr. Hadidi said.

The Gassulian fresco was not put on display until now because it required extensive conservation. Immediately after its discovery in late 1977, Dr. Hadidi requested UNESCO for help in its restoration.

The agency sent a team of experts, headed by Mr. Paul Schwarzbach, from the International Centre of Conservation in Rome, to Amman last November to carry out the work. In April of this year, Mr. Schwarzbach returned for three weeks to supervise the final piecing together of the thirty-three major pieces and many fragments of the fractured fresco. He also filled its lacunae with plaster, mounted the painting into a frame and oversaw its installation at the Citadel Museum.

## AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	247	6,820	6,810	6,810
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	450	2,360	2,360	2,360
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	85	22,850	22,850	22,850
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	3000	1,160	1,160	1,160
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1560	1,530	1,520	1,530
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	6468	1,000	1,000	1,000
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	2295	3,300	3,280	3,280
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	304	1,410	1,410	1,410
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	500	0,800	0,800	0,800
Arab Aluminum Co.	JD 1,000	1560	0,910	0,910	0,910
Paper and Cardboard Factories	JD 1,000	1950	0,920	0,920	0,920
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	30	10,200	10,200	10,200
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	6190	1,080	1,080	1,080
Cairo-Amman Bak	JD 5,000	3150	6,750	6,750	6,750
Jordan Tobacco & Cigarette Co.	JD 5,000	84	8,000	8,000	8,000
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	315	0,720	0,710	0,710
Irbid Governorate Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	300	0,620	0,620	0,620
Dar Spinning & Weaving Co.	JD 1,000	408	0,640	0,640	0,640

Total volume traded, Thursday June 7: JD 56560

Total number of shares traded: 27771

## Government Development Bonds

Year of Maturity	Par Value	Number Traded	VOLUME	High	Low
1979	JD 5,000	95	484	5,105	5,105
1980	JD 5,000	50	253	5,060	5,060
1988	JD 10,000	1017	10597	10,450	10,400
	JD 10,000	50	5010	10,010	10,010

Total volume traded: JD 11834

Total number traded: 1212

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20 to May 20: Associates have fixed don't argue with them today. Avoid one to your progress.

21 to June 21: Plan your day wisely so other time nor energy. Go to the right information you need.

JUN. 22 to July 21: Be certain to our entertainment later in the day. Put work during the daytime.

Aug. 21: The time is not right for tasks. Sidestep an opponent who could lead direction.

Sept. 22: Obtain the data you need at you have in mind. You can make a others at this time.

Oct. 22: Plan how to add to present and clever means. Go after your aims & get excellent results.

23 to Nov. 21: Analyze your activities & as practical as you should be. Think rationally.

Nov. 22 to Dec. 21: Listen to what a say but use own judgment in a neglect situation.

Dec. 22 to Jan. 20: Avoid friends who today and could give you trouble in. Don't be forceful with others.

21 to Feb. 19: Obey all laws and regulations you and stay out of trouble, any kind today.

Mar. 26: A good day for expansion concerned. Get rid of stumbling blocks progress.



LONDON -- Sculpture displayed outside London's Hayward Gallery, which will have several important Arts Council of Great Britain shows this year, ranging from "New Painting - New York" (until June 17), to "The Thirties, art and design" (Oct. 25 to Jan. 20, 1980). There is also the annual show of new young painters (July 19 to Aug. 27). (BTA photo)

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close decision whether game at no trump would be better than diamonds if three no trump would be defeated by a spade lead, but South settled on the latter.

West opened the two of clubs, an obvious singleton. This was won in dummy as East followed with the three. A trump to the ten was won by the ace, and now West had to guess how to give his partner the lead to obtain the club ruff. With nothing to guide him, he elected to shift to the jack of hearts, and declarer ruffed off with the rest of the tricks. He drew the last trump, then established clubs for three space discards.

A spade switch would have defeated the contract. "There was no way I could tell you, partner," was East's comment. "I had no chance to signal."

But there was a way. When a defender makes an unnatural play that is obviously not a normal signal, it should be interpreted as indicating which of the outside suits he desires to be led. A unnecessarily high card which cannot be taken for a come-on should show an entry in the higher ranking side suit, and an unnecessarily low card should indicate the lower suit.

On the opening lead East should have dropped the jack of clubs. Since this obviously cannot be a signal to continue clubs, it must be read as a message to partner to lead the higher-ranking of the remaining suits—in this case, spades. When West wins the ace of diamonds, he then wo't have to guess.

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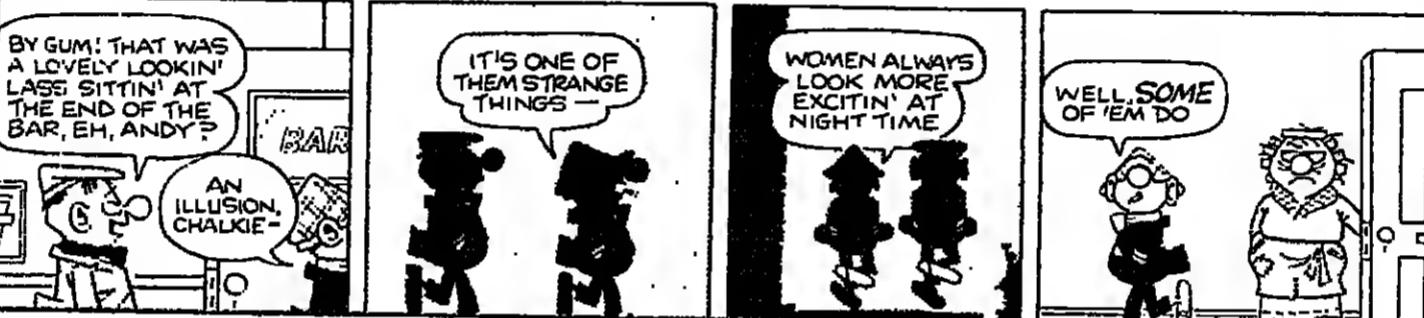
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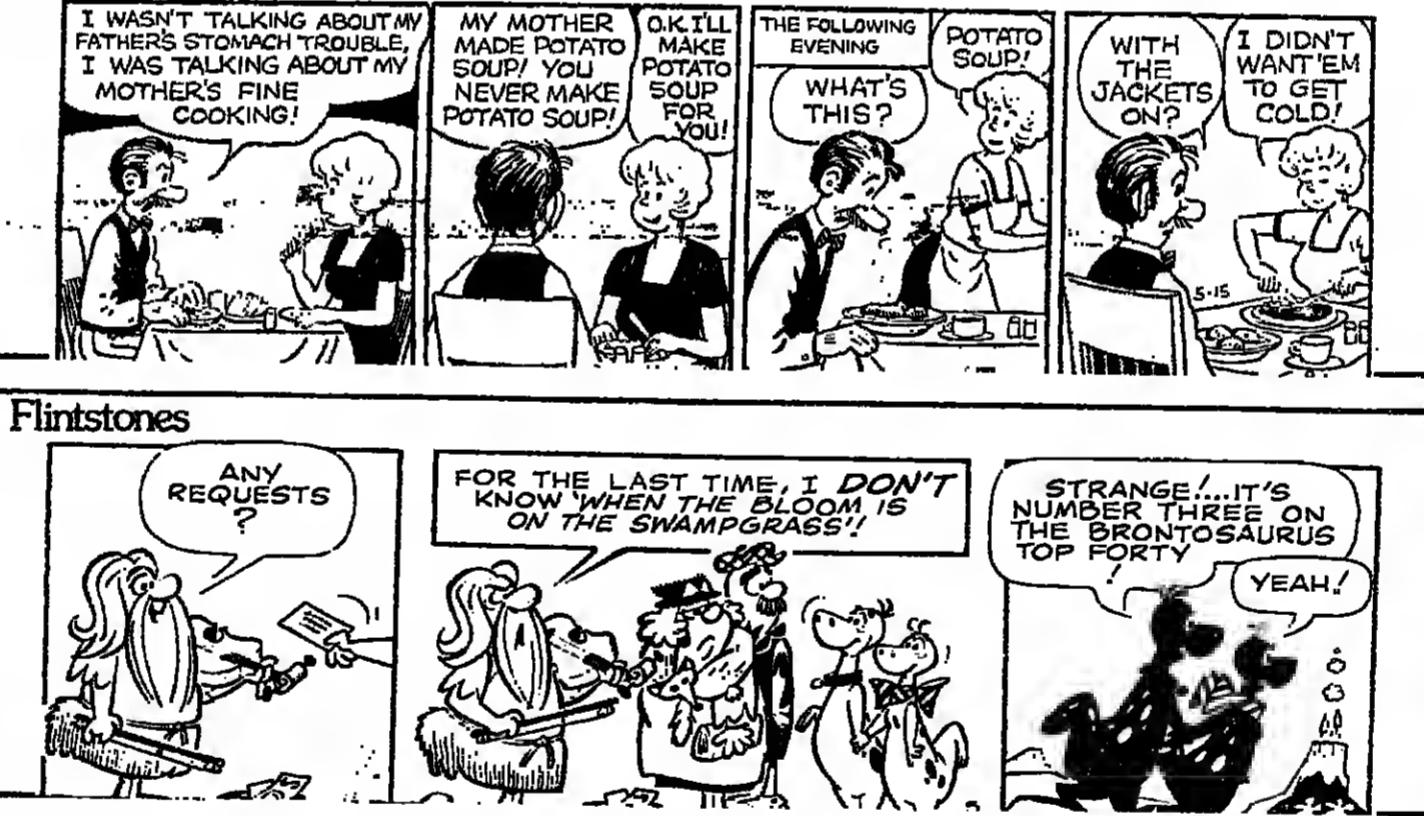
## Peanuts



## Andy Capp



## Mutt 'n' Jeff



## Flintstones



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### BBC RADIO

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04.00 Letter from London, Max Closer	04.00 Rhythm 'n' Roots
04.00 Islamic News, Reflections	04.00 Radio News
04.00 The Middle East, On	04.00 Studios
04.00 World Today	04.00 Theatrical Commentaries
04.00 Life and Times of the Prince	04.00 Theatre Call
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04.00 Merchant Navy	04.00 World Week in Works
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# Voting begins among EEC countries for European Parliament

BRUSSELS, June 7 (R) — The world's first international election begins today with Britons, Danes, Dutch and Irish voting to choose 136 members of a 410-seat European Parliament selected by the people of the Common Market.

But many of today's 56 million voters, especially in Britain and Denmark, are likely to stay away from the polls through apathy over an election in which the results will not be known until next Monday.

The process will be completed only after the five other countries of the European Economic Community (EEC) — France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg — vote on Sunday. Counting will not start until the last polling booths close in Italy at 10 p.m.

In all, nearly 200 million European voters are involved in this first election across national borders.

The assembly, whose members have previously been appointed by national parliaments, has little power and is unlikely to gain much more in the near future.

But if influential politicians are voted in they could add to the parliament's authority by criticising and questioning the Common Market's Brussels commission and ministers of the nine EEC countries.

Today's voters have 779 candidates to choose from.

In Britain, the biggest country to vote today, the election campaign has fizzled out after a low-key political battle.

The signs are that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party will win the bulk of Britain's 81 seats in the assembly.

But, amid general apathy, the

big question is how many British voters will turn out in what for some of them is the third election in just over a month.

In the Netherlands, where there is expected to be a neck-and-neck race between the ruling Christian Democrats and the Labour Party, counting does not begin until Monday.

The latest opinion polls estimate that up to two-thirds of the nine million Dutch voters will turn out to elect 25 members of the European assembly.

In Denmark, the Gallup Poll predicted that the four anti-EEC parties will take six of the country's 16 seats, with four or five each for the ruling Social Democrats and the opposition Conservatives.

Danes will be voting to fill 15

## Senate resolution challenges Carter on Taiwan treaty

WASHINGTON, June 7 (R) — The U.S. Senate declared in a resolution last night that its approval was needed before the president could end any defence treaty — giving new life to a court challenge to Mr. Carter's authority to stop a defence pact with Taiwan.

Earlier, Federal Judge Oliver Gasch dismissed a suit by a group of conservative congressmen led by Republican Senator Barry Goldwater, who claimed Mr. Carter had no right to terminate a 1954 mutual defence treaty with Taiwan — in line with Washington's new ties with Peking — without first consulting Congress.

In a slap at the administration's China policy, the Senate resolution, passed by 59 to 35, clearly put on record the Senate's disapproval of Mr. Carter's move, and Mr. Goldwater said he would now ask Judge Gasch to reconsider the case.

President Carter gave notice last December that the treaty would end on Jan. 1, 1980. Diplomatic ties were established with China last Jan. 1. Many members were angry at the rebuff of an ally and lack of consultation with Congress.

After the Senate had approved the resolution, Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said he feared it would provide the basis for undoing the president's Asian policy opening the way to new litigation.

Senator Church warned of "dire consequences" if the resolution were allowed to stand. He urged the Senate to adopt an amendment making clear that it applied only to future action on treaties, not to the Taiwan treaty.

But there appeared no chance that the required unanimous consent of the Senate to consider the amendment would be forthcoming and after inconclusive debate the Senate recessed, leaving the matter unresolved.

## Recent agreement gives intercommunal Cyprus talks 'ray of hope' for progress

NICOSIA, June 7 (R) — Cyprus leader Rauf Denktash.

In another development yesterday, Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash made remarks in Ankara interpreted by some as a hint that his side was prepared to make compromises in the talks.

Speaking after a meeting with Turkish Prime Minister Bülent Ecevit, Mr. Denktash said: "We have called ourselves a federated state and have not asked for recognition from other countries. This is the most important proof of our goodwill."

An official statement after the meeting said the two men discussed procedures for the talks with the Turkish Cypriot side. They are expected to be held at the Hedi Palace Hotel, in the "green line" buffer zone separating the Greek and Turkish sectors of this capital, it was learned.

The agreement, which will form the basis of the talks, was promoted by Mr. Waldheim and approved by President Spyros Kyprianou and Turkish Cypriot



## Colossal chimneys being built for Dubai

This huge structure is part of a 41-ton chimney that will dispense the exhaust gases from the world's biggest gas turbines. Five of these chimneys are being prefabricated by a company in south-east England. They will be shipped in sections to the Middle East, where they will be erected in the vast power station complex in the Dubai aluminium smelter plant under construction there. The chimneys — worth £250,000 — are being built in three sections: a transition piece (seen here) that will be fitted to the ducting in the power station, a middle and top section — all fitted with vortex breakers to reduce the effects of high wind. (COI photo)

## Nicaraguan president declares 'state of siege' as fighting continues

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, June 7 (R) — President Anastasio Somoza has imposed a three-month state of siege on Nicaragua in an attempt to crush a rebellion by left-wing guerrillas which has reduced the country to widespread turmoil.

Several key cities were under heavy attack by the Sandinista guerrillas and the country is also in the grip of a general strike called by the guerrillas to demonstrate support for what they describe as a "popular insurrection."

A night curfew has been imposed throughout the country.

Residents of Masaya, about 26 kilometres south of Managua, reported that the city had been

taken by the guerrillas. Fighting was also going on in Chinandega, Leon and Matagalpa.

In Matagalpa, a major centre 110 kilometres north of the capital, residents said guerrillas had seized most of the city and were preparing to attack the national guard headquarters there.

The first public reaction to General Somoza's decision to impose the state of siege was a warning by the opposition newspaper La Prensa to its readers that it would not publish because of lack of guarantees that it could report objectively.

La Prensa, whose former editor Pedro Joaquin Chamorro was murdered last year, was subject to

## S. Africa's ruling party sees majority slashed in by-election

JOHANNESBURG, June 7 (R) — The ruling National Party has seen its majority cut heavily in a by-election for the parliamentary seat held by Connie Mulder, the former cabinet minister disgraced in South Africa's information scandal.

The result of the first test of public opinion since the scandal toppled President John Vorster showed that the far-right Herstigte Nasionale Party (HNP) increased its share of the poll dramatically.

It had campaigned hard on what

it described as the moral disintegration of the National Party. Geldenhuys received 5,891 votes against 8,293 for Dr. Mulder in November, 1977. HNP representative Neville Warrington got 2,428, compared with only 530 for the HNP man who stood against Dr. Mulder in 1977.

The HNP, a breakaway from the National Party, has no representatives in parliament, but it came ahead of two parliamentary opposition groups—the New Republic Party (NRP) with 1,415 votes and the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) with 681. Neither the NRP nor the PFP fought the seat in 1977.

Dr. Mulder was named last December by a judicial investigating commission as a prime mover in the massive misuse of funds by the government's former Information Department, which he headed.

He was driven first from the cabinet, then from parliament and finally from the National Party.

The commission under Judge Rudolf Erasmus had at the same time cleared President Vorster of blame for the information affair when he was prime minister. But its latest report, tabled in par-

liament on Monday, reversed that decision and accused him of a cover-up.

Pieter Botha, Mr. Vorster's successor as prime minister, announced when he issued the report that Mr. Vorster had resigned from the presidency.

The Randfontein by-election was the public's first chance to express its views on this latest turn in the scandal.

But the campaign was also heavily influenced by the government's plans to alter labour laws, in particular to give blacks more trade union rights and to abolish laws reserving certain jobs by race.

The HNP campaign in Randfontein, a mining area west of Johannesburg, stressed its opposition to any moves away from the present labour legislation.

Dr. Mulder's high personal standing in the area, which he had represented for 20 years, had been thought likely to bring heavy abstentions from National Party voters.

Yesterday's poll was 53.5 per cent of voters compared with 55.11 per cent in 1977, suggesting that any personal feeling in favour of the former member of parliament was channeled to HNP.

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## World News Briefs

Australian official admits father's crime

CANBERRA, June 7 (R) — The Australian Parliament was in uproar today over a government minister's admission that his father misappropriated 542,000 Australian dollars (\$600,000) from four companies. Primary Industry Minister Ian Sinclair told the House of Representatives last night accountants found that his father, George McCalmon Sinclair, had misappropriated the money between 1960 and 1976. His father, an accountant and farm owner, died in 1976. He was auditor of two of the companies. Mr. Sinclair said half of the missing funds would be repaid from his father's estate and family companies and he himself would repay the rest to the shareholders of the four companies. Mr. Sinclair made the admission only hours before a leading Melbourne newspaper, The Age, published details of the accountants' inquiry which he himself ordered last year. The opposition Labour Party said Mr. Sinclair should either resign or be dismissed by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser until the Sinclair family's financial dealings were cleared up. The prime minister defended Mr. Sinclair, who is one of his closest advisers and deputy leader of the National Country Party which governs in coalition with Mr. Fraser's Liberal Party. Mr. Fraser said Mr. Sinclair had done all he could to put every irregularity right.

Tanzania announces end of Ugandan offensive

DAR ES SALAAM, June 7 (R) — Tanzanian troops have completed mopping-up operations in their Ugandan offensive and most of them will withdraw from Uganda soon, Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere announced last night. But at the request of Uganda's new leaders, some Tanzanian soldiers will stay in the country to train a new Uganda army, he said in a broadcast to the nation. Dr. Nyerere assured Tanzania's neighbours that he had no intention of building an empire and said fears that the offensive against former Ugandan dictator Idi Amin's forces could spill over into other countries were unfounded. Dr. Nyerere added that he had reached an understanding of good neighbourliness during talks last week with Presidents Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya and Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire.

Turkey, U.S. sign prisoner exchange accord

ANKARA, June 7 (R) — Four Americans serving long jail terms in Turkey for drug-smuggling and a number of Turks in U.S. prisons will be able to serve the rest of their sentences in their own countries under an agreement signed in Ankara today. The prisoner transfer agreement, the result of many months of discussions, was signed by U.S. Ambassador Ronald Spiers and Turkish Foreign Ministry officials. It has to be ratified by the legislatures of both countries before the prisoners can be transferred, but both sides said they expected ratification soon. Three Americans were jailed for 24 years each in 1973 in the southern town of Adana for trying to smuggle 104 kilos of hashish into Turkey. They are Kathy Zenz, 33, Jo Ann McDaniel, 34, and Robert Hubbard, 28. Michael Ray, serving a 24-year term in Istanbul, also for smuggling hashish. U.S. Embassy officials in Ankara say there are believed to be 12 Turks in jails in various American states. The two sides also signed an agreement extending past accords on extradition and criminal cooperation. The new agreement calls for closer cooperation between the police and judicial authorities of both countries.

France to take initiative in preparing energy proposals for Tokyo economic summit

PARIS, June 7 (R) — France said yesterday it was taking the initiative with its Common Market partners and in close collaboration with the United States in preparing concrete proposals to tackle the world energy crisis.

President Giscard d'Estaing will unfold his scheme at a Common Market summit in Strasbourg on June 21 and 22, in the hope that objectives and a plan of action can be agreed by the industrial democracies at the Tokyo economic summit at the end of the month.

The French president did not go into specifics when he announced his intentions at a cabinet meeting, but he stressed that the consumer countries must avoid competition among themselves and confrontation with oil exporting countries.

Although France has no intention of joining the International Energy Agency, which it shunned when industrialised countries formed the agency in 1974, it is now explicitly seeking closer cooperation with the United States so that the big oil consuming nations can speak with one voice on energy at the Tokyo summit.

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## Vietnam's diplomatic offensive

There are two big hurdles along the path to detente between Vietnam and its Southeast Asian neighbours: the Indochinese refugee problem and recognition for Kampuchea's Hanoi-backed regime.

By Bernard Melusky

BANGKOK—Vietnam has begun making fresh overtures to the non-Communist countries of Southeast Asia after several months of diplomatic inactivity in the region.

Hanoi's Southeast Asian diplomatic offensive was vigorously conducted in 1978 but lay dormant as Vietnam set about consolidating its grip on Indochina and fending off a Chinese attack along its northern border this year.

The revival suggests Hanoi is reasonably confident about the way things are going in Kampuchea and feels the time is ripe to follow up on progress made during Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong's Southeast Asian tour last September.

It could also be part of a major new effort to win recognition for the pro-Hanoi administration in Kampuchea, which took over last January after a massive Vietnamese-led offensive ousted the

pro-Peking regime of Premier Pol Pot.

Mr. Dong assured countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) during his tour that Vietnam believed in peaceful co-existence and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries.

In Thailand, there has been a distinct revival of deep-rooted suspicions about Vietnam's intentions towards Southeast Asia, especially since Kampuchea has ceased to be a buffer state.

One indication of the feeling in ASEAN towards Vietnam has been a sudden rash of statements on whether or not the economic grouping should engage in a military pact.

Reaction in ASEAN—which groups Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand—was predictably angry, despite the widely reported brutality of the ousted regime.

Vietnam may be hoping now that ASEAN's suspicions and fears of Vietnamese intentions after the Kampuchean operation are beginning to evaporate.

But there are few signs of this. With Vietnamese troops in western Kampuchea believed to be striving for greater friendship with ASEAN countries in a bid to

make inroads into diplomatic gains by China in the region.

China itself suffered a setback to its regional prestige when the regime it backed was ousted from Phnom Penh. But it appeared to regain ground when it attacked Vietnam, convincing many Southeast Asians it was no paper tiger.

Paradoxically, although some countries were doubtless secretly delighted at the Chinese attempt to slap Vietnam down, they were also scared that the conflict could flare on a much wider scale and bring in Vietnam's ally the Soviet Union.

Undaunted by the attack, Vietnam has extended its influence in both Laos and Kampuchea; uniting Indochina in a defiant anti-Chinese stance. Diplomats here feel that having virtually accomplished its objectives in Indochina, Vietnam is once again determined not to be isolated from ASEAN.

But there are two obvious hurdles along the path to Vietnamese-ASEAN detente. One is the Indochinese refugee problem. The other is the question of recognition for the Hanoi-backed regime of Mr. Heng Samrin in Kampuchea.

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Overcrowded refugee transit camps abound (Gamma photo).

shores from Vietnam. Thailand is the hardest hit, is desperately trying to stanch a flow of tens of thousands of Kampuchean as well.

Vietnam sought to assuage some of the anger by appearing at a 24-nation conference on Indochinese refugees in Jakarta in mid-May and announcing a plan to curb the chaotic exodus of "boat people" by allowing refugees to go directly to countries of permanent resettlement.

The second major stumbling block relates to Kampuchea, a source not only of Thailand's major refugee headache but also of tension along the border and of potential regional instability.

The new administration has accused Thailand of supporting the Pol Pot side—but Thailand has vigorously denied the charges and says it is strictly neutral.

Vietnam clearly would like ASEAN and other countries to recognise the Heng Samrin government and break through international refusal to accept what it regards as the reality in Kampuchea, but this seems a remote prospect.

The administration so far has been recognised only by Vietnam, the Soviet Union and a handful of other Communist allies.

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